

Upliftment of Tourist Facilities

4167. SHRI A. SAMPATH : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to uplift the tourist facilities at Varkala and Ponmudi in Kerala so as to make them international tourist centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) :

(a) to (c). Development of tourist facilities is the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Department of Tourism provides financial assistance to State Governments on specific proposals based on their merits, *inter se* priority and availability of funds.

The Department of Tourism has provided financial assistance to Government of Kerala for following projects at Varkala and Ponmudi :

(i) Beach Resort at Varkala.

(ii) Tented accommodation for ponmudi.

Maintenance of Railway Colonies in Delhi

4168. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR :

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the location-wise details of the railway colonies in Delhi as on date;

(b) whether the Government are aware that the Railway colonies in Delhi are not being maintained properly and lacking basic civil amenities;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to provide maintenance and basic civil amenities in these railway colonies;

(e) whether funds have been allocated for maintenance and providing basic civil amenities in railway colonies during the last three years;

(f) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(g) whether the Government have received some complaints during the above period from the allottees of railway quarters; and

(h) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) A statement is attached.

(b) to (h). Basic amenities i.e. individual bathrooms, latrines and kitchens were lacking in a few staff quarters. These Amenities had been provided progressively during last 3 years. Only 179 quarters are left where these basic amenities are yet to be provided. Entire arrears will be wiped out during 1997-98.

Maintenance of staff quarters is a continuous process. complaints as and when received are attended through departmental/contractual resources as per the nature and extent of the problem.

Expenditure incurred on maintenance and basic amenities during the last three years is as under :

(In lakh rupees)

Year	Maintenance	Basic Amenities
1993-94	383	30
1994-95	418	35
1995-96	464	40

In addition to normal maintenance improvement to the water supply, roads, drainage etc. is taken up as per the needs. Recently, 7 tubewells have been drilled to augment the existing water supply system.

STATEMENT

(a) Colony-wise and type-wise list of Railway Quarter in Delhi Area are as under :

S.No.	Colony	Type-I	Type-II	Type-III	Type-IV	Type-IV Spl.	Type-V	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Ajmeri Gate	28	8	-	-	-	-	36
2.	Azadpur	10	1	-	-	-	-	11
3.	Babar Road	-	15	-	-	-	-	15
4.	Boulevard Road	6	-	-	4	-	11	21
5.	Brarsquare	46	4	-	-	-	-	50